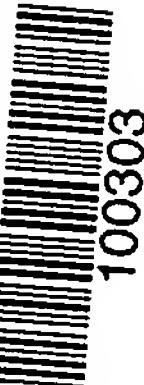


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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: Application of **Michel LINARES**  
**A SECURE METHOD OF EXCHANGING INFORMATION MESSAGES**  
Assignee: **ALSTOM**  
Our Ref. **Q77862**

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 17 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 3 sheets of drawings. Copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	8	-	20	=	x \$18.00	=	\$0.00
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<b>TOTAL FEE</b>						<b>\$770.00</b>	

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

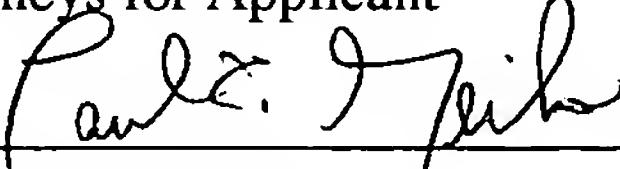
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Respectfully submitted,  
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